



Docket No.: 35617

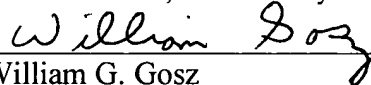
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Carol L. Erdman                      Examiner: Stephens, Jacqueline F.  
Serial No.: 09/987,196                      Art Unit: 3761  
Filed: November 13, 2001  
Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING ZONED AREAS OF  
HYDROPHILICITY

---

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

  
William G. Gosz

---

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

In response to Office Action mailed April 5, 2006 ("the Office Action"), made final, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.